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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN PRESS KEEPS UP CAMPAIGN AGAINST QADDAFI

1. EGYPTIAN PRESS JULY 26 CARRIES FIVE ITEMS DETAILING CURRENT LIBYAN PROBLEMS, LED BY PROMINENT STORY IN GUMHURIYYA BY SAMIR RAGAB CONCERNING APPARENT ABORTIVE COUP AGAINST RCC CHAIRMAN QADDAFI DISCOVERED IN BENGHAZI. COUP REPORTEDLY PLANNED BY OFFICERS IN TWO CAPS IN BENGHAZI AND SCHEDULED FOR JULY 28. ALL PLOTTERS APPARENTLY ARRESTED AND TWO CAMPS TRANSFERRED TO TRIPOLI FOR CLOSER SUPERVISION. GUMHURIYYA ARTICLE CITES CONFLICTING REPORTS FROM TRIPOLI, SOME STATING THAT DIRECTOR LIBYAN ARMY TRANSPORT ADMINISTRATION RINGLEADER OF PLOTTERS, SOME THAT DIRECTOR OF LIBYAN ARMY INFORMATION DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE.

2. GUMHURIYYA ARTICLE ON PLOT ALSO MENTIONS THAT NCO'S AT TAWKRA CAMP IN BENGHAZI ALSO RECENTLY DEMONSTRATED AGAINST QADDAFI. THEY ALLEGEDLY HAD NOT BEEN PAID
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JUNE WAGES, BECAUSE LARG HAS RUN OUT OF MONEY. APPARENTLY,

RCC MEMBER KHUWAYLDI AL-HAMAYDI HAS BEEN DISPATCHED BY QADDAFI TO TAKE UP PERMANENT RESIDENCE IN BENGHAZI AND TO ATTEMPT TO BRING SITUATION THERE UNDER CONTROL.

3. ALI AMIN IN AKHBAR AL-YAWM STATES THAT SAUDI ARABIA RECENTLY TURNED DOWN REQUEST BY QADDAFI FOR \$1 BILLION LOAN, ON GROUNDS THAT RCC CHAIRMAN CURRENTLY WAGING CAMPAIGN AGAINST PRES SADAT AND LOAN MIGHT BE CONSTRUED AS SUPPORT FOR QADDAFI POSITION. AMIN ALSO CONTENTS THAT LIBYAN ECONOMY CURRENTLY IN PARLOUS SHAPE.

4. ANIS MANSUR IN AKHBAR AL-YAWM WRITES ABOUT HIS INTERVIEW WITH PHILLIPINES PRES MARCOS AND COMMENTS THAT MARCOS HAD SEVERAL DISPARAGING REMARKS TO MAKE CONCERNING QADDAFI AND PRAISED PRES SADAT FOR HIS PATIENCE IN DEALING WITH SUCH A MAN.

5. IN ADDITION, GUMHURIYYA CARRIES ARTICLE DESCRIBING QADDAFI'S ARBITRARY TREATMENT OF PALESTINIANS LIVING IN LIBYA, WHILE AKHBAR AL-YAWM REPORTS CALL FROM EGYPTIAN LAWYER MIDHAT MUSTAFA TO QADDAFI TO CEASE SQUANDERING MONEY BELONGING TO LIBYAN PEOPLE. MUSTAFA CLAIMED QADDAFI HAD HARMED ARAB UNITY THROUGH UN-ISLAMIC ACTIONS.
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